

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State of Michigan

METHODS OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION

In addition to the transportation benefits covered under the Medical Assistance Program (attachment 3.1-A, Item 23a), provision is made for assuring other essential medical transportation of recipients to and from providers of service by the following methods:

- a) For the categorically needy who receive AFDC and SSI grants, transportation expenses related to the client's use of medical services are paid outside of the grant if not otherwise available without cost to the client. Transportation costs for visits to a physician's office, pharmacy, or to a clinic are allowable for this purpose. A medical transportation payment requires an initial verification of need for the trip by the client's physician. Physician is defined for this purpose as a licensed doctor of medicine, dentistry, osteopathy, podiatry or chiropractic.
- b) For applicants or recipients who require medical examinations to determine factors of eligibility, i.e., employability, incapacity, or disability, transportation related to receiving the medical examination is paid when necessary as a part of the administrative cost of the program.
- c) For applicants or recipients of Department services who require medical examination to meet particular needs of children for protective services, child care services or foster care services, transportation related to receiving the necessary medical examination is paid as an administrative cost.
- d) For clients released from mental institutions, the Department arranges for transportation through relatives and friends, if feasible, or arranges and pays for conveyors, when necessary, as part of administrative costs.
- e) Volunteers are used as a part of the Department's volunteer services program, to provide transportation for many clients in need of such service.
- f) For all MA clients, the Department's program of social services requires the worker, when appropriate, to enlist the aid of relatives and friends for the purpose of helping the client to obtain needed care, including meeting the client's needs for transportation initially and on an ongoing basis. Workers are also permitted, if necessary and practical, to transport clients.

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- g) For MA Clients who are medically needy, the application of available income provides that income in excess of that needed for maintenance is applied to costs of necessary medical transportation as well as other necessary medical or remedial care.
- h) Transportation expenses to and from EPSDT screening sites and to and from an initial referral by the screening sites for diagnosis and treatment are included as administrative costs of the Title XIX Program for recipients of early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment.
- i) Transportation expenses to and from medical providers for ongoing medically necessary treatment are included as administrative costs of the Title XIX Program for Supplemental Security Income and SSI-related MA only recipients.
- j) Transportation expenses to and from Special Rehabilitation Services provider sites for medically necessary services are included as administrative costs. This benefit is provided by a Special Rehabilitation Services provider or contracted provider to individuals who require transport in order to receive covered services. The covered services and transportation must be included in an IEP (Individualized Education Program) or IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan). This benefit is available once per day and on the same day that a covered medical service is provided.

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